

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 834

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Parsons Lions Club
on the occasion of its eightieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly salute those
venerable institutions that dedicate their time and abilities to community service as they
celebrate milestone occasions in their illustrious histories; and

WHEREAS, the Parsons Lions Club is one such worthy organization that has earned the
trust of Tennesseans in Parsons and Decatur counties with its long-standing record of
meritorious public service for the past eighty years; and

WHEREAS, in 1938, the Parsons Lions Club was officially chartered with twenty
members and the sponsorship of the Savannah Lions Club. Since that storied beginning, the
membership of the Parsons Lions Club has grown to ninety-two active members; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to the cause of eye care in their community, the members of the
Parsons Lions Club contribute to a number of charitable endeavors, including the Lions CARE
program, the mobile eye clinic, and eyesight conservation; and

WHEREAS, the organization also sponsors eye surgeries and works in conjunction with
the Tennessee Department of Health to conduct yearly eye-sight screenings for all county youth
from preschool to the eighth grade. It also provides recordings for the blind, supports the county
shepherd fund, and sends eyeglasses to mission fields with missionaries; and

WHEREAS, desiring to foster the future of Tennessee's youth, the Parsons Lions Club
also contributes to the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, the Tennessee School for the Blind, and the
Tennessee River Agriculture Expo's youth programs; and

WHEREAS, reflecting the club's dedication to public service and civic duties, members Ed Townsend, Fred Alexander, Tony Martin, and Ray Murphy all previously served as district governors for the State; and

WHEREAS, the membership of this venerable organization has undoubtedly benefited from the stellar knowledge and steadfast leadership from its eighty-year chairperson and longest acting member, Cleo Rhodes, and its 2018 acting president, Steve Glass; and

WHEREAS, for these noble efforts, it is most appropriate that the members of this General Assembly recognize the Parsons Lions Club and join its members in celebrating this impressive milestone of eighty years of community outreach; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend the Parsons Lions Club on the occasion of its eightieth anniversary, applaud its members for their dedicated community service, and extend to each of them our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.